

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 4356

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREF, UNHCR, ZA  
SUBJ: LOCAL UNHCR STAFF TO BE CHANGED

REF: LUSAKA 1538

1. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT OPDAHL'S TRANSFER IS BASED ON HIS PAST CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE OF THE LOSING LIBERATION FORCES IN ANGOLA, PROBABLY UNITA, WHICH HAS MADE HIM PNG AMONG THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. WE HAVE HEARD THAT UNHCR CONSIDERS OPDAHL A VERY GOOD MAN, WHO IS A "VICTIM OF HISTORY," AND WHOSE WITHDRAWAL WAS DECIDED UPON WITH GREATEST RELUCTANCE ON UNHCR'S PART.

2. OUR UNDERSTANDING OF OPDAHL'S PERIOD OF SECONDMENT TO UNHCR IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM THAT REPORTED REFTEL, NAMELY THAT IT IS TO END IN OCTOBER 1977, AND THAT IN VIEW OF THE SHORTNESS OF TIME, HE MAY IN FACT RETURN DIRECTLY TO THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM LUSAKA THIS SUMMER. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING WHICH WOULD CONFIRM THE PLANNED TRANSFERS OF THE TWO OTHER STAFF MEMBERS MENTIONED IN PARA 2, REFTEL, LATER THIS YEAR.

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3. SHOULD THE DEPARTMENT WISH US TO PURSUE THIS MATTER WITH UNHCR DIRECTLY, PLEASE ADVISE.  
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